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Happy Holidays from the Board and Staff of the Morton Grove Public Library!

These photos show just a few of the programs and services available to the community throughout 2009. Many thanks to the volunteers who monitor movies, help with clerical duties and processing materials, prepare *Books & Beyond* for mailing, and other tasks. Thank you to the individuals and businesses who have donated money and books for the Library's collections, and prizes and refreshments for special events and contests. Most of all, thank you to Library users who read books, attend programs and classes, watch films, listen to recordings, use computers, and search for information.

Ben Schapiro: From the Director's Desk

These days, there are lots of places people can go to stay connected with friends and neighbors – sipping a cup at a coffee bar, working out at the gym, attending school, or chatting with your co-workers at your job.

But none of these places offers the wide range of free services and opportunities – open to all – you can find at your public library.

That access for all citizens to the information they need is central to our mission at the Morton Grove Public Library. We provide "a place offering materials, programs and services to assist the community in its pursuit of personal growth and life long learning."

MGPL offers many activities to keep you connected and fill up the winter hours. Our services go beyond simply providing information but lead our patrons to a better understanding of that information. Computer classes, online live homework help, downloadable books and movies offered in ways that free the information from the physical limits of a building. And many of our materials are available 24 hours, seven days a week.

As always, there's lots to report since the last issue of *Books and Beyond*.

We're delighted to announce that MGPL shared the District 63 Education Foundation's **"Volunteers of the Year"** award with the Niles Public Library. In presenting the award, the District noted "The Morton Grove Public Library and the Niles Public Library District provide students in our district with much more than books – they sponsor read-a-thons, do storytelling at school, host 'Battle of the Books,' and provide resources such as homework assistance, books that support our summer TLC curriculum, and much, much more."

We have upgraded the Cooperman Board Room to serve as a state-of-the art **computer/training lab**. Over the last few years the level and complexity of training offered to patrons has progressed from simple one-on-one mouse/keyboard and email training to multi-session classes on topics like advanced Excel features or finding info you can not get via Google. This new lab space will also allow for smaller groups to view special events via cable or DVD or to conduct presentations.

We bid farewell to long time Reference Librarian **Bonnie Zeitlin**, who retired in September. Bonnie's commitment to the issue of literacy

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J.A. Jance, Author of *Trial by Fire*

Sat., Dec. 5, 2 pm

Bestselling author J.A. Jance is coming to MGPL! Come and hear Ms. Jance talk about her latest compelling mystery featuring Ali Reynolds in a new role as a media relations consultant for the Yavapai County Police Department. Ali struggles to help uncover the identity of a woman who was severely burned in a raging Arizona desert fire and who does not know who she is let alone who would try to kill her. As Ali works to uncover the helpless woman's identity, she uncovers a link to a domestic terrorist group and begins to realize that by locating missing relatives of the burn victim, she may be exposing the woman to a killer who will return to finish the job. Borders of Wilmette will handle book sales at the Library; Ms. Jance will sign books following her talk and there will be a reception honoring the author.

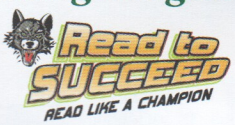
Kids! Save Your MGPL Checkout Receipts in December!

If you are among the top five Library users* (birth–grade 6) in December, you will earn movie passes. Check at the Youth Services Desk for more information.

*You must have your own Library card to participate and only original receipts will be counted.

Coming in January! Winter Reading Programs

"Read to Succeed" for K–6



and "Go Bananas for Books" for birth – preschool.

Mark Your Calendars! Preschool and Child Care Fair

Co-sponsored by Morton Grove Public Library and Skokie Public Library

Jan. 26, 2010 6:30-8:30 pm

Held at: Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60077-3680, 847-673-7774

It's preschool registration time! Find the right program for your child by meeting and talking with dozens of local preschool teachers and child care providers. Social service agencies, special education centers, and enrichment programs will also be represented.

This year's Fair is being held in partnership with, and at, the Skokie Public Library. Morton Grove and Skokie librarians will provide children's activities.

Debut of Critics Choice Cinema at MGPL!

Beginning November 29, MGPL will be hosting Critics Choice Cinema, a monthly showing of **first-run independent and foreign films** from film festivals all over the world. You'll see award-winning independent and foreign films – for free – at the Library months before they are shown in movie theaters.

***Gigante* (Spanish with subtitles 2008, 84 min.)**
Sun., Nov. 29, 2 pm
Jara is a shy and lonely 35-year-old man who works as a supermarket security guard in a suburb of Montevideo. His job is to monitor the security cameras installed throughout the building, but he doesn't have a great deal to do because he works the graveyard shift. One day Jara discovers Julia, a 25-year-old cleaning woman, through one of the cameras and is immediately attracted to her. Jara's life becomes a series of routines and rituals around Julia, but eventually he finds himself at a crossroad and must decide whether to give up his obsession or confront it.
Festivals and Awards: Winner: Best First Feature Film, Grand Jury Prize Silver Bear Alfred Bauer Prize, Berlin International Film Festival; Winner: Critic's Award, Best Actor & Best Script, Gramado Film Festival.

***For My Father* (Hebrew with subtitles 2008, 100 min.)**
Sat., Dec. 26, 2 pm
Tarek, a Palestinian on a suicide mission in Tel Aviv to redeem his father's honor, is given a second chance when the fuse on his explosive vest fails to detonate. Forced to spend the weekend in Tel Aviv awaiting its repair, Tarek must live amongst the people he was planning to kill. To his surprise he connects with several Israelis on the outskirts of society, including the beautiful Keren, who has cut off contact with her Orthodox family and upbringing.
Festivals and awards: Winner: Audience Award, Moscow International Film Festival; Audience Award, Cinequest Film Festival; Grand Prize, Stony Brook Film Festival; Best Film, Asian Film Festival, Mumbai; Winner, New Jersey Jewish Film Festival.

There is nothing to match curling up with a good book when there's a repair job to be done around the house.
Joe Ryan

Guess How Many Beads Were Used In This Flapper-Style Dress

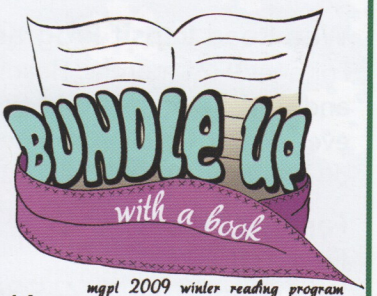
Contest
This dress is literally black and white and *read* all over! The beads are hand-made from strips of recycled black and white flyers and survey forms – paper that has been read before.

Guess the number of paper beads that were used to make this dress and fill out an entry form with your name, phone number and your estimate of the number of beads used. The person who comes closest to the correct number will win a $25 gift card. The winner will be announced on Sunday, November 15, America Recycles Day.

Trashy Fashion Show at Glenview Park District Park Center

Fri., Nov. 13, 7 pm
The beads for this dress were all made by MGPL patrons and staff from recycled flyers and survey forms. The dress will be part of the Trashy Fashion Show sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) on Fri., Nov. 13, at 7 pm, at the Glenview Park District Park Center, 2400 Chestnut, Glenview. Join the MGPL contingent and support this incredibly creative recycling project!

Bundle Up with a Book – Adult/Teen Winter Reading Program



Mon., Dec. 14, 2009 – Sun., Jan. 31, 2010
Let it snow! Stay inside, bundle up and dig into a good book. Beginning Dec. 14, Morton Grove library cardholders are invited to check out books and audiobooks from MGPL, fill out a paper "quilt" block for each book read or listened to, and enter the drawing for a fabulous prize that will keep you warm all winter. Those who complete five books during the seven weeks of the program will receive a small prize. Registration begins Dec. 14; go to the Reference Services Desk or sign up online at calendar.webrary.org.

Drop-In Classes

Monday Morning Playgroup, 10:30–11:30 am
Tots of all ages and their parents or caregivers can gather at the Youth Services Department to meet new friends, play and have lots of fun in our activity room.

Drama Club
First FRIDAYS
Nov. 6 and Dec. 4, 4–5 pm
Ages 6–12. Learn to love acting and meet new friends with fun-filled activities.

NEW! Creative Writing Club
Third FRIDAYS
Nov. 20 and Dec. 18, 4–5 pm
Calling all young authors! If you are age 8 or older, join us for our new Creative Writing Club. At this drop-in Club, you will explore the world of writing and imagination, discover many different types and styles of writing, and learn how to think of writing in a creative way.

Knitting Club
Mondays, 4–5 pm
Bring a knitting project or learn a new one. Ages 6 and up.

Listen Up!
Tuesdays, 10 am
Drop-in storytime for preschool children and their caregivers. Children hear stories and songs, interact in a group, and do a craft.

Wee Read Lapsit Program
For ages 0–24 months. Hear songs and stories and enjoy playtime every Fri. at 11 am. Also offered on Sat., Nov. 28 and Dec. 26, 10 am.

Family Chess
First TUESDAYS
Nov. 3 and Dec. 1, 4–5:30 pm
Beginners and experienced players of ALL ages are welcome.

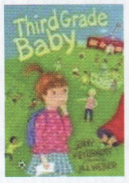
Crafty Saturday
Nov. 14 & Dec. 12,
10 am–4 pm
While supplies last.
Drop in to the YS Dept. to make a seasonal craft.

Registration is required. Register at the Youth Services Desk, or call 847-929-5102, or online at calendar.webrary.org.

Kids in the Kitchen: Grades 3-6

Mon., Nov. 16, 5-6:30 pm
Pies! Let's take a pie journey across the U.S.A.!
Tues., Dec. 8, 5-6:30 pm
Holiday cookies to make, bake, and take to your friends! Space is limited.

NEW! Mother/Daughter Book Discussion Group: Grades 3 & 4



Third Grade Baby
Wed., Nov.4, 7–8 pm
Bring your mother (aunt, grandmother, neighbor, older sister, teacher) with you for a discussion of the book, *Third Grade Baby,* by local author Jenny Meyerhoff. Register to be part of the group and pick up your own free copy of the book. Share it with your "mom," then bring it with you to the Library and enjoy some fun activities and a lively discussion of the story and characters. Refreshments will be served.

Little House in the Big Woods
Wed., Dec. 2, 7-8 pm
December's book discussion will be about *Little House in the Big Woods,* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. After our discussion, we will decide on books to feature in our next meetings. Grades 3 & 4.

Make a Dream-catcher: Grades 3–6

Fri., Nov. 27, 3 – 4:30 pm
Celebrate Native American Heritage Month by creating your own dream-catcher considered by some people to be a symbol of unity among various Indian nations. Class limit: 20.

Make Your Own Spa! Grades 3-6

Tues., Dec. 15, 7-8 pm,
Create colorful bath soaking salts for a parent, your best friend, or yourself. It is the perfect gift! Limit: 10.

Art in Action – Ages 6–9

Thurs., Nov. 5, 7 – 8 pm
Making art is so much fun and there are so many ways to do it. Children ages 6-9 will experiment with different techniques and art media and learn about art history, techniques and tools. There will be artistic activities where artists will create their own masterpieces. Limit: 20.

Ready, Set, Draw! Game: Ages 10 and up

Sat., Nov. 7, 2 pm
Professional comic book author Russell Lissau, best known for his work on "The Batman Strikes" and "Hope: New Orleans," will host this "Pictionary" style game. Participants ages 10 and older will put their artistic skills to the test by drawing people, places and things from popular comic books, action movies and television. Lissau's comic books will be available for sale after the program. Limit: 20.

Kids Flicks

***Wizard of Oz* Sing-A-Long (2009, G, 102 min.)**
Tues, Nov. 10, 6 pm
Follow the yellow brick road to . . . the Library. Come watch the movie, sing along, and enjoy the fun as we blow bubbles to greet Glinda, hiss at the Wicked Witch and more! There will be popcorn for all and prizes for anyone in costume.

***Up!* (2009, PG, 96 min.)**
Fri., Nov. 13, 4 pm
Note: Also shown Sun., Dec. 27, at 1:30 pm. See description on page 7.

***Shorts* (2009, G, 120 min.)**
Fri., Dec. 11, 4 pm
A young boy's discovery of a colorful, wish-granting rock causes chaos in Black Falls when jealous kids and scheming adults set out to get their hands on it.

Classes Requiring Registration

Fall Session will end November 19.
Winter Session January 5 – February 25, 2010.
Register online at: calendar.webrary.org, at the Youth Services Desk or call 847-929-5102.

Library Playtime
2-Year-Olds & Parents or Caregivers
Thursdays, 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3–Kindergarten
Wednesdays, 10:30 am OR 1 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades K, 1, and 2;
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
Class limit – 12

Moovin' and Groovin' for Ages 2–4
Sat., Nov. 7 and Dec. 5, 10 am
Do you have a toddler who likes to dance? Come join the YS staff in this fun, physical activity class that includes music, dancing, marching, musical instruments, parachute games, and creative movement. Class limit – 12. Registration is required.

The Shedd Aquarium of Chicago Presents: Coral Reef: Feeding Frenzy

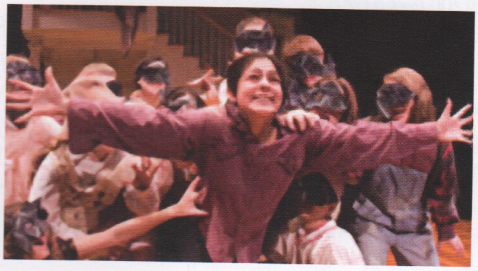
Wed., Nov. 11, 2 pm

Dive into a Philippines reef where sharks hunt for prey among dazzling corals. Children will learn fundamental science concepts about food and energy while they explore this colorful marine world.

Family Reading Night Featuring Student Athletes from Northwestern

Thur., Nov. 19, 2009, 6:30pm

Fun for the whole family will be found at this special celebration of Family Reading Night at the Library. Special guest athletes from Northwestern University will read to the children and talk about what it is like to be a student athlete. Refreshments will be served.



Northlight Theatre Academy Presents: *The Super Duper 6th Grade Detective Squad & Seussical the Musical*

Mon. Dec. 7, 6 pm & 7:15 pm

Students from the Northlight Theatre Academy will present two of their finest plays. The first production by actors who are 10-12 years old is based on *The Super Duper 6th Grade Detective Squad,* where a classroom full of sleuths attempts to solve a school mystery. The second play, featuring actors who are 12 – 18 years old, will be *Seussical the Musical,* where all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters come to life.

Juggling Variety Show and Workshop with Jason Kollum

Sat., Dec. 12, 2 pm

Jason Kollum's high-energy juggling show is fun for the whole family, offering a blend of juggling, visual balancing skills, comedy, and lots of audience participation. After the show, Jason will lead the entire audience in a Juggling Arts workshop where everybody will learn a juggling skill. All kids and parents will have an opportunity to try easy-to-use balancing feathers and colorful juggling scarves. This is your chance to become a real juggler!

Suzuki Holiday Music Concert and Sing Along

Sun., Dec. 20, 2 pm

Students of Rhona Reagan, local Suzuki method violin and viola teacher, will perform a holiday concert extravaganza. Suzuki string students range in age from 5 to 16 years old and will be accompanied on piano. Get in the holiday spirit and sing along as these talented musicians perform festive tunes.

Library Scavenger Hunt

Tues., Dec. 22, 6-8 pm

Learn about your Library while hunting for clues! Stop by the YS Desk to get your game sheet.

Bubble Wonders

Mon., Dec. 28, 2 pm

Geoff Akins, the amazing bubble artist who has been featured on CBS's *Sunday Morning Show,* is coming to dazzle us with his amazing bubble creations. All of his bubble sculptures are made from ordinary soap bubbles but he turns them into extraordinary works of art. He makes bubbles into fantastic shapes including ice cream cones, caterpillars, and even a merry-go-round.

NOVEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

To register for programs or for more information, go to: calendar.webrary.org, call 847-929-5101, or stop by the Reference Services Desk or the Youth Services Desk.

Every Monday, 10:30: Monday Morning Playgroup for all ages
Every Monday, 4 pm: Youth Services Knitting Club
Every Tuesday, 10 am: Listen Up! Drop-in story time
Every Tuesday, 11:30 am: Movies, Munchies & More! For adults
Every Tuesday, 6:30 pm: Stories & Stuff
Every Wednesday, 10:30 am and 1 pm: Preschool Storytime
Every Thursday, 10:30 am: Playtime for Two-year-olds
Every Friday, 11 am: Wee Read Lapsit for infants from 0 – 24 mo.

Date & Time			Free Programs
1	Su.	2 pm	*Celebration of Chicago Women*
3	Tu.	11:30 am	Film: *Great Lakes Shipwreck Disasters*
3	Tu.	12:45 pm	Film: *The Eastland Disaster*
3	Tu.	2 pm	Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007: reg. req.
3	Tu.	4 pm	Family Chess
3	Tu.	6 pm	Teen Library Council
4	We.	10 am	Beginning Mouse Workshop: reg. req.
4	We.	3:45 pm	Babysitting Basics, part one: reg. req.
4	We.	7 pm	Mother Daughter Book Club (Grades 3 & 4): reg. req.
5	Th.	10 am	Setting Up an E-mail Account – Gmail : reg. req.
5	Th.	3:45 pm	Babysitting Basics, part two
5	Th.	7 pm	Art in Action (Ages 6-9): reg. req.; limit 20
6	Fr.	4-5 pm	Drama Club (Ages 6-12)
7	Sa.	10 am	Moovin' and Groovin' (Toddlers): reg. req.; limit 12
7	Sa.	2 pm	*High Tea with Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society:* reg. req.; limit 30
7	Sa.	2pm	Ready, Set, Draw! Game: reg. req.; limit 20
10	Tu.	10 am	Learn PowerPoint 2007: reg. req.
10	Tu.	11:30 am	Film: *The Great Escape*
10	Tu.	6-8 pm	Kids Flicks: *Wizard of Oz Sing-A-Long*
11	We.	2 pm	*The Creatures of the Great Coral Reef*
11	We.	4 pm	Film: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*
11	We.	7 pm	Web Wednesdays: *Safe and Speedy Online Shopping:* reg. req.
12	Th.	2 pm	Create Your Own Blog: reg. req.
12	Th.	7 pm	Library Board Meeting
13	Fr.	2 pm	What is Excel and What Do I Do with It? An Introduction: reg. req.
13	Fr.	4 pm	Kids Flicks: *Up!*
14	Sa.	10 am	Tech Savvy Saturdays: *LinkedIn Best Practices for Job Searching:* reg. req.
14	Sa.	10 – 4	Crafty Saturday
14	Sa.	1 pm	DIY Gifts: reg. req.
14	Sa.	2 pm	*Yoga, Tea, and Chocolate:* at the Morton Grove Historical Education Center: reg. req.; limit 40
15	Su.	2 pm	*Nightclub in the Afternoon* Concert
16	Mo.	10 am	You Can't Google This: reg. req.
16	Mo.	6 pm	Kids in the Kitchen (Grades 3-6): reg. req.
17	Tu.	11:30 am	Film: *Women in the White House*
17	Tu.	2 pm	Do More with Word 2007: reg. req.
18	We.	10 am	Getting Started on the Web: reg. req.
18	We.	2-4 pm	Scrabble and Chess for Adults
18	We.	6 pm	Getting' Saucy Teen Cooking Class: reg. req.; limit 8
19	Th.	10 am	All Booked Up book discussion: *Crashing Through* by Robert Kurson
19	Th.	2&7 pm	Feature Film: *State of Play*
19	Th.	6:30 pm	Family Reading Night
20	Fr.	10 am	Web, the Next Step: Searching: reg. req.
20	Fr.	2 pm	Film: *Easy Virtue*
20	Fr.	2 pm	Exploring Excel 2007: reg. req.
20	Fri.	4-5 pm	Creative Writing Club (Ages 8 and up)
21	Sa.	10 am	Get Hooked: Crafts – *Peace Dove Paper Cutout:* reg. req.; limit 20; adults only
21	Sa.	2 pm	Holiday Meals Made Easy: reg. req.; limit 60
22	Su.	2 pm	*Eleanor Roosevelt*
23	Mo.	2 pm	You Can't Google This Either: reg. req.
24	Tu.	11:30 am	Film: *Women in the White House: First Mothers*
24	Tu.	7 pm	Teen Tech Workshop: reg. req.
26	**Th.**	**CLOSED for Thanksgiving**	
27	Fr.	3 pm	Make a Dream-catcher (Grades 3-6): reg. req.
28	Sa.	10 am	Saturday Wee Read (Birth -24 months)
29	Su.	2 pm	Critics Choice Cinema: *Gigante*
30	Mo.	1:30 am	*Biography of Richard Tucker*

NOVEMBER 2009 MOVIES

Great Lakes Shipwreck Disasters **(2001, NR, 60 min.)**
Tues., Nov. 3, 11:30 am
Several Great Lakes historians discuss why severe weather on the Great lakes makes ships more vulnerable than on the ocean. Included are details of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald in 1975, and the storm of 1913, which caused the loss of 40 ships and 235 people.

The Eastland Disaster **(1999, NR, 55 min.)**
Tues., Nov. 3, 12:45 pm
Thousands of Western Electric employees were boarding cruise ships for a trip across Lake Michigan, bound for a parade and picnic on July 24, 1915, when one ship, the *Eastland* capsized and sank in the Chicago River.

The Great Escape **(1963, NR, 172 min.)**
Tues., Nov. 10, 11:30 am
A World War II melodrama about the escape of British and American flyers from a maximum-security German prison camp. Cast: Steve McQueen, James Garner, Richard Attenborough.

The Boy In The Striped Pajamas **(2009, PG-13, 94 min.)**
Wed., Nov. 11, 4 pm
Set in Poland, in the midst of World War II, this film tells the story of innocent, naive eight-year-old Bruno who ignores his parents' warnings and sets off on an adventure in the woods. He meets a boy his own age who is wearing striped pajamas, and a surprising friendship develops - with dire consequences.

Up **(Animated, 2009, PG, 96 min.)**
Fri., Nov. 13, 4 pm
See page 7 for film description.

State of Play **(2009, PG-13, 128 min.)**
Thurs., Nov. 19, 2 & 7 pm
When D.C. reporter Cal McCaffrey is assigned to investigate the murder of an assistant to an up-and-coming politician, he uncovers a conspiracy that threatens to bring down the nation's power structures. Cast: Ben Affleck, Helen Mirren, Russell Crowe.

Easy Virtue **(2009, PG-13, 96 min.)**
Fri., Nov. 20, 2 pm
A young Englishman falls madly in love with a sexy, glamorous American woman, and marries her impulsively. When he takes her to the family home, his mother takes an instant dislike to her and undermines her every move.

Gigante **(Spanish, with subtitles, 2008, NR, 84 min.)**
Sun., Nov. 29, 2 pm
See page 2 for film description.

DECEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

Date & Time			Free Programs
1	Tu.	11:30 am	Film: *The Express*
1	Tu.	4 pm	Family Chess
1	Tu.	6 pm	You Can't Google This: reg. req.
2	We.	2 pm	Create Your Own Blog: reg. req.
2	We.	7 pm	Mother Daughter Book Club: reg. req.
3	Th.	7 pm	Introduction to Microsoft Word 2009: reg. req.
4	Fr.	10 am	Setting Up an E-mail Account – Gmail: reg. req.
4	Fr.	1 pm	*Holiday Songs, Old and New* by the Women of Note at the Morton Grove Senior Center
4	Fr.	2 pm	Getting Started on the Web: reg. req.
4	Fr.	4 pm	Drama Club
5	Sa.	10 am	Moovin' and Groovin' (Toddlers): reg. req.
5	Sa.	1 pm	Car Care for Novices: reg. req.
5	Sa.	2 pm	DIY Gifts: reg. req.
5	Sa.	2 pm	J.A. Jance Book Talk and Signing: reg. req.
6	Su.	2 pm	Lyric Opera Profile: *The Merry Widow*
7	Mo.	2 pm	Making Google Personal: reg. req.
7	Mo.	6 pm	*The Super Duper 6th Grade Detective Squad & Seussical the Musical*
8	Tu.	11:30 am	Film: *Now, Voyager*
8	Tu.	2 pm	What is Excel and What Do I Do with It? An Introduction: reg. req.
8	Tu.	5 pm	Kids in the Kitchen (Grades 3-6): reg. req.
8	Tu.	6 pm	Teen Library Council
8	Tu.	6 pm	You Can't Google This Either: reg. req.
9	We.	7 pm	Web Wednesdays: *E-Mail Clinic:* reg. req.
10	Th.	7 pm	Library Board Meeting
11	Fr.	10 am	Beginning Mouse Workshop: reg. req.
11	Fr.	2 pm	Web, the Next Step: Searching: reg. req.
11	Fr.	4 pm	Kids Flicks: *Shorts*, see p. 4
12	Sa.	10 am	Tech Savvy Saturdays: *Digital Scrapbooking:* reg. req.
12	Sa.	10-4 pm	Crafty Saturday
12	Sa.	2 pm	Juggling Variety Show and Workshop
13	Su.	2:30 pm	*Holiday Concert by Bittersweet Band*
15	Tu.	10 am	Getting Started on the Web: reg. req.
15	Tu.	11:30 am	*Holiday Concert with Connie and Johnny*
15	Tu.	2 pm	Exploring Excel 2007: reg. req.
15	Tu.	7 pm	Make Your Own Spa! (Grades 3-6): reg. req.
16	We.	10 am	Learn PowerPoint 2007: reg. req.
16	We.	2-4 pm	Scrabble and Chess for Adults
17	Th.	2&7 pm	Feature Film: *Sugar*
17	Th.	7 pm	Do More with Word 2007: reg. req.
18	Fr.	2 pm	Film: *The Trouble with Angels*
18	Fr.	4 pm	Creative Writing Club (Ages 8 and up)
19	Sa.	10 am	Beaded Jewelry for Giving (or Keeping): reg. req.; limit 20; adults only
19	Sa.	2-3 pm	Teen Gaming
20	Su.	2 pm	Suzuki Holiday Music Concert and Sing-A-Long
22	Tu.	10 am	Web, the Next Step: Searching: reg. req.
22	Tu.	11:30 am	*Holiday Show by Those Were the Days Radio Players*
22	Tu.	6-8 pm	Library Scavenger Hunt
24-25			**CLOSED for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**
26	Sa.	10 am	Saturday Wee Read (Birth–24 months)
26	Sa.	2 pm	Critics Choice Cinema: *For My Father*
27	Su.	1:30 pm	Film: *Up!*
27	Su.	3:15 pm	Film: *Coraline*
28	Mo.	2 pm	Bubble Wonders with Geoff Akins
29	Tu,	11:30 am	Film: *Nature's Most Amazing Events,* part one
29	Tu.	6 pm	Getting' Saucy Teen Cooking Class: reg. req.; limit 8
31	**Th.**		**CLOSING EARLY, at 5 pm, for New Year's Eve**

DECEMBER 2009 MOVIES

The Express **(2008, PG, 130 min.)**
Tues., Dec. 1, 11:30 am
Rising from the humblest of beginnings, Ernie Davis overcame impossible odds to become the first African-American to win college football's greatest honor – the Heisman Trophy. Cast: Dennis Quaid, Rob Brown, Aunjanue Ellis.

Now, Voyager **(1942, NR, 118 min.)**
Tues., Dec. 8, 11:30 am
Bette Davis stars as Charlotte Vale, a spinster who defies her domineering mother (Gladys Cooper) to discover love. heartbreak, and eventual contentment.

Sugar **(Spanish with subtitles, 2009, PG-13, 114 min.)**
Thurs., Dec. 17, 2 & 7 pm
After seeing the movie *Field of Dreams* Dominican baseball star Miguel 'Sugar' Santos hopes to break into the big leagues in the United States to earn money to support his impoverished family. His dreams may become a reality when he is recruited to play for a minor league team in the United States.

The Trouble with Angels **(1966, PG, 111 min.)**
Fri., Dec. 18, 2 pm
Two mischievous students turn their convent school upside down with their pranks. Cast: Rosalind Russell, Hayley Mills, June Harding, Binnie Barnes, Gypsy Rose Lee, Jim Boles.

For My Father **(Hebrew with subtitles, 2008, NR, 100 min.)**
Sat., Dec. 26, 2 pm
See page 2 for film description.

Up **(Animated, 2009, PG, 96 min.)**
Sun., Dec. 27, 1:30 pm
Seventy-eight-year-old balloon salesman Carl Fredericksen finally fulfills his lifelong dream of a great adventure when he ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the wilds of South America. He discovers too late that an 8-year-old Wilderness Explorer names Russell has stowed away.

Coraline **(Animated, 2009, PG, 101 min.)**
Sun., Dec. 27, 3:15 pm
A young girl walks through a secret door and discovers an alternate version of her life. On the surface, this parallel reality is eerily similar to her real life, but much better. When her adventure turns dangerous, Coraline must count on her resourcefulness, determination and bravery to get back home and save her family.

Nature's Most Amazing Events **(2009, NR, Pt. 1: 150 min.)**
Tues., Dec. 29, 11:30 am
Part 1 of 2: Each season, as the ever-thinning Arctic ice recedes, polar bears face a daunting challenge; grizzly bears in British Columbia must use ingenuity and fancy footwork to collect their catch; the annual rains of the Serengeti draw in the greatest concentration of large animals on Earth; and each year, billions of sardines flood South Africa's east coast creating an action-packed feeding frenzy.

To register for programs:
- Call 847-929-5101
- Go to calendar.webrary.org
- Stop by the Reference Services Desk

A Celebration of Chicago Women

Sun., Nov. 1, 2 pm

Suzanne Hales will portray several of Chicago's finest women and at least one who could be described as notorious. Based on biographies written about two of Chicago's grand dames, Edith Rockefeller-McCormick and Mrs. Potter Palmer; the story of the inspirational founder of Hull House, Jane Addams; and one of Chicago's infamous madams, Minna Everleigh, Suzanne will showcase a glimpse into each of their lives, in authentic costume, taking you on a marvelous trip back in Chicago's colorful history.

High Tea with the MGPL Chapter of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

Sat., Nov. 7, 2 pm

Come to a tea party based on Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows' popular epistolary novel, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.* If you have World War II era clothes, please wear them to the tea. You'll see pictures of Guernsey, enjoy activities based on the book, and dine on scones, mini-ham sandwiches, and tea. Limited to 30; registration is required.

The love of learning, the sequestered nooks, and all the sweet serenity of books.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Yoga, Tea, and Chocolate: at the Morton Grove Historical Museum Education Center

Sat., Nov. 14, 2 pm

The Library is co-sponsoring this special yoga, tea, and chocolate session at the Morton Grove Historical Society's Education Center, 6148 W. Dempster. Allison Wilmes and Gretchen Iler present a 50-minute chair yoga practice, three tea samples, and two chocolates that complement and enhance the flavor notes in the teas. Take home tea samples to enjoy later. Limit: 30. Registration is required: call the Museum's Educational Center at 847-965-0203.

Nightclub in the Afternoon

Sun., Nov. 15, 2 pm

Morton Grove's own Mary Anne Riehl will entertain you with old favorites and popular tunes accompanied by her talented ensemble: Rusty Jones, drums; Ben Lewis, piano; and Jim Cox, bass. Mary Anne's professional musical career began in Louisville, Kentucky where she sang with various dance orchestras and then became staff vocalist at WHAS in Louisville, singing for two years on radio and television shows. She appeared on the Lawrence Welk TV show, and sang with Welk's orchestra at the Aragon Ballroom in Los Angeles. For over five years she was the featured female vocalist on Don McNeill's "Breakfast Club" on the ABC radio network.

Book Discussion

***Crashing Through* by Robert Kurson**

Thurs., Nov. 19, 10 am

(All Booked Up)

Crashing Through details the true story of a man who regained his vision after more than forty years of blindness.

Holiday Meals Made Easy

Sat., Nov. 21, 2 pm

The stress and strain of shopping, attending social gatherings, and preparing holiday meals can be overwhelming. Gini Cooper will demonstrate how to use the many conveniences of Honey Baked Ham products and eliminate the stress of holiday meal preparation. Registration is required.

A book is a gift you can open again and again.
Garrison Keillor

Get Hooked

Peace Dove Paper Cutout

Sat., Nov. 21, 10 am

Learn how to make a paper-cut peace dove. Adults only. Limit: 20. Registration required.

Beaded Jewelry for Giving (or Keeping)

Sat., Dec. 19, 10 am

Learn how to make beaded jewelry to give as a holiday gift – or to keep for yourself. Adults only. Limit: 20. Registration is required.

Scrabble for Adults

Wed., Nov. 18, 2-4 pm
Wed., Dec. 16, 2-4 pm
Join alphabet aficionados for a good game of Scrabble.

Monopoly Club

Would you like to be part of a new club that plays Monopoly? If there are enough interested Monopoly players, the Library will help organize regular game sessions. Call 847-929-5101 or email info@webrary.org and tell us your name and contact information, what days of the week are best, what time of day is best, how often you'd like to play Monopoly, and whether you would want to play Monopoly with children or adults.

Portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt

Sun., Nov. 22, 2 pm
Historical actress Roberta Randall portrays Eleanor Roosevelt from her shy, lonely childhood to becoming first lady, a United Nations delegate, Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, newspaper columnist, mother, wife, and world traveler.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
Eleanor Roosevelt

Biography: Richard Tucker

Mon., Nov. 30, 11:30 am
Noted historian Jack Diamond presents a biography of one of the world's favorite tenors, Richard Tucker (1913-1975). Born Reuben Ticker, the cantor-turned-opera-star was only six when he began singing in a New York synagogue choir. In the course of more than a quarter of a century he sang over 600 performances in more than thirty roles at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

Car Care for Novices

Sat., Dec. 5, 1 pm
Join auto experts from Duxler Complete Auto Care to learn how to take care of your car. This workshop is perfect for new drivers, car owners, and car care novices. Registration is required.

Holiday Concert with Connie and Johnny

Tues., Dec. 15, 11:30 am
Well-known Chicago vocalist Connie Marshall will delight you with her versatile vocal style and sparkling personality. Connie's formal training was in operatic and musical theatre and she has performed at a variety of venues throughout the country. Pianist Johnny Gabor will accompany her in upbeat renditions of holiday music such as *Let It Snow, Frosty the Snowman, White Christmas,* and many more favorites.

Holiday Songs, Old and New, by the Women of Note at the Morton Grove Senior Center

Fri., Dec. 4, 1 pm
Come to the Senior Center at 6140 Dempster and enjoy the vocal harmony of the Women of Note, directed by Joseph Agnew, in a holiday concert featuring a broad range of songs. You'll hear a vocal arrangement of "The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy," pop favorites like "The Christmas Song" and "Winter Wonderland," jazz arrangements of several well-known carols, John Rutter's charming "Shepherd's Pipe Carol," and a medley of Chanukah songs. Join the fun in a sing-along

of seasonal selections.

Holiday Concert by Bittersweet Band

Sun., Dec. 13, 2:30 pm
Traditional musicians Phil Cooper, Margaret Nelson & Kate Early join forces with songwriter and "wise" woman Susan Urban for a musical show that presents every possible perspective on the holiday season from the reverent to the ridiculous. Two- to four-part harmonies and masterful instrumentation on guitar, banjo, mountain dulcimer, hand drum, and other percussion instruments make the Bittersweet Christmas Band an act not to be missed!

Those Were the Days Radio Players

Tues., Dec. 22, 11:30 am
Relive the fun and laughter of old-time radio programs with the voices, music and sound effects of yesteryear when Those Were the Days Radio Players perform classic holiday radio shows by Jack Benny, Baby Snooks and other favorites.

Lyric Opera Profile: *The Merry Widow*

Sun., Dec. 6, 2 pm
John Piepgras of the Skokie Valley Chapter of the Lyric Opera of Chicago, will present a profile of Franz Lehár's operetta, *The Merry Widow,* about love, money and politics in Paris. The story of a rich widow's attempts to find a husband was based on an 1861 comedy by Henri Meilhac, The Embassy Attache.

COMPUTER HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

For All Hands-on Computer Workshops Listed

To find out prerequisites and to register, check the online calendar at calendar.webrary.org or call the Reference Services Desk at 847-929-5101.

Morton Grove residents have priority. Computer workshops require 24-hour advance cancellation so that others may attend. Failure to attend three programs without cancellation may result in automatic waiting list placement for future programs.

Workshops will begin on time and latecomers will not be admitted as a courtesy to others.

Beginning Mouse Workshop

Wed., Nov. 4, 10 am
Fri., Dec. 11, 10 am

For those with little or no experience using a computer: learn to use a computer mouse.

Getting Started on the Web

Wed., Nov. 18, 10 am
Fri., Dec. 4, 2 pm
Tues., Dec. 15, 10 am

For beginners: get introduced to the basics of the Internet.

Web, the Next Step: Searching

Fri., Nov. 20, 10 am
Fri., Dec. 11, 2 pm
Tues., Dec. 22, 10 am

A follow up to the *Getting Started on the Internet* workshop. Learn how to search the Web using a wide variety of search engines and directories.

You Can't Google This

Mon., Nov. 16, 2 pm
Tues., Dec. 1, 6 pm

Learn about the many different online information resources accessible from your home or in the Library. Attendees must bring MGPL card.

You Can't Google This Either

Mon., Nov. 23, 2 pm
Tues., Dec 8, 6 pm

A follow-up to the *You Can't Google* This workshop. Learn about many more online information resources accessible from your home or in the Library. Attendees must bring MGPL card.

Create Your Own Blog

Thurs., Nov. 12, 2 pm
Wed., Dec. 2, 2 pm

Learn how to set up a personal blog and how to manage the many features available for bloggers. Attendees must have a Google Gmail account before registering.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007

Tues., Nov. 3, 2 pm
Thurs., Dec. 3, 7 pm

Learn to create, format and illustrate documents and proof, print and save them using Word 2007.

Do More with Word 2007

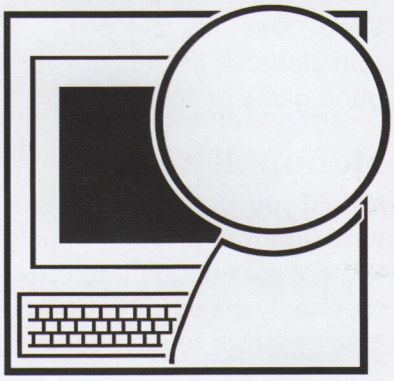
Tues., Nov. 17, 2 pm
Thurs., Dec. 17, 7 pm

This follow-up class covers page layouts, templates, columns, headers and more.

What is Excel and What Do I Do with It? An Introduction

Fri., Nov. 13, 2 pm
Tues., Dec. 8, 2 pm

Learn fundamental spreadsheet skills: opening a worksheet, entering/editing data, and simple formatting.



Exploring Excel 2007

Fri., Nov. 20. 2 pm
Tues., Dec. 15, 2 pm

Further explore Excel by learning to perform calculations, sort/filter data, and custom formatting.

Setting Up an E-mail Account – Gmail (Google E-mail)

Thurs., Nov. 5, 10 am
Fri., Dec. 4, 10 am

Attendees will register for a free e-mail account, learn how to compose and send e-mail, and manage their mail.

Making Google Personal

Mon., Dec. 7, 2 pm

Learn how to personalize your Google experience with an iGoogle homepage, calendar and more. Attendees must have Google Gmail account before registering.

Learn PowerPoint 2007

Tues., Nov. 10, 10 am
Wed., Dec. 16, 10 am

Learn how to create, edit, and save slides; how to customize slides using text, photos, clip art and more to design effective presentations for work, home, or school.

Web Wednesdays

Have questions about Internet topics? Need help searching the Web? An MGPL reference librarian starts each hands-on *Web Wednesdays* workshop with information on a particular Internet topic, then opens it up for discussion and practice on other Web topics and problems.

Safe and Speedy Online Shopping
Wed., Nov. 11, 7 pm

Get ready for the upcoming holiday season by learning how to do your gift shopping on the Web with security and ease. Learn how to get the best prices from the most reliable online retailers.

E-Mail Clinic
Wed., Dec. 9, 7 pm

If you have a Gmail, Hotmail, or Yahoo! E-mail account, come to this workshop to learn how to send group e-mail messages while preserving the privacy of the recipients, how to link to a Web page or attach a photo to your message, and more. Must have a Gmail, Hotmail or Yahoo! e-mail account.

Tech Savvy Saturdays

These workshops feature technology and computer-related presentations and workshops on the second Saturday of every month. These are lecture-demos, not hands-on workshops. Coffee and light refreshments are provided.

LinkedIn Best Practices for Job Searching
Sat., Nov. 14, 10 am – noon

LinkedIn is a business -oriented social networking site where users can establish business relationships by joining alumni, industry, or professional groups. Matt Prazenka of Abacus Business Development will demonstrate how to use LinkedIn to make your job search more effective. Registration is required.

Digital Scrapbooking
Sat., Dec. 12, 10 am

Learn how to scrapbook the new way – digitally – no glue, no cutting! Using templates from Google Docs, you will learn the steps needed to create a unique online scrapbook using photos.

Ben Shapiro: From the Director's Desk

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was well known, as was her love of opera. Her knowledge and focus on the fundamental values of librarianship will be much missed.

Melissa Mayberry has stepped up from a part-time reference position to become the new full time Reference/Technology Instruction Librarian. Melissa will bring her skill, knowledge and teaching abilities to enhance the already popular computer/technology series of classes.

And we welcome **Jill Wehrheim** as our new Young Adult Services librarian. She works with Morton Grove middle school students, high school and college-aged patrons.

Please stop by and say hello to our new staff.

Wired Teen Zone

To register:
Online: Go to: calendar.webrary.org
By phone: Call 847-929-5101
In person: Stop by the Reference or YS Desk

Babysitting Basics: A Two-Day Workshop
Wed., Nov. 4 and Thurs., Nov. 5, 3:45-4:45 pm

This two-day workshop is designed to help prepare students age 12 and up to become better babysitters. The focus is on safety - for the sitter, the children being cared for, and their parents. Students who attend both days of the workshop will receive a certificate of completion. Co-sponsored by the Morton Grove Fire Depart-ment, Morton Grove Police Department, and MGPL. Regis-tration required. Morton Grove residents have priority. Non-residents may sign up on the waiting list and will be notified if there is space available. Limited to 15.

Teen Library Council (TLC)
Tues., Nov. 3, 6 pm
Tues., Dec. 8, 6 pm

Meet new friends, get involved in fun activities, tell us what you want to see at the Library, and earn volunteer service hours in the process!

Gettin' Saucy Teen Cooking Class
Wed., Nov. 18, 6 pm
Tues., Dec. 29, 6 pm

Learn to make and prepare delicious food! There is room for eight chefs; reserve your spot today! Registration is required.

DIY Gifts
Sat., Nov. 14, 1 pm
Sat., Dec. 5, 2 pm

Come to the Library and make gifts for your friends, family, or yourself! Instructions and supplies are provided. Registration is required.

Tech Workshop
Tues., Nov. 24, 7 pm

Have a project or paper to do for school? Learn about a few websites to help you stay organized! Registration is required.

Teen Gaming
Sat., Dec. 19, 2-3 pm

Need something to do during winter break? Play video games at the Library!

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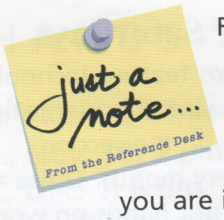

Fall has arrived and that means students have returned to school. Whether you are in elementary school or college, the Morton Grove Public Library has great resources for students. LearningExpress Library, a premium electronic resource, provides a wide variety of resources for your learning needs and is accessible remotely from home 24/7 with your MGPL library card.

For students in 4th-12th grade, there are practice and diagnostic tests for reading, writing, and arithmetic, to help you succeed in class and on your homework. In addition, for students moving on to higher education, there is an entire Learning Center for College Preparation with practice tests for the PSAT, SAT, ACT, CLEP and more. If you are thinking about graduate school, there are practice tests for the main graduate school entrance exams in the Learning Center for College Students.

If you are no longer a student, you can use the online learning center to brush up on skills needed to take the U.S. Citizenship test and GED. New to LearningExpress is a wide variety of career-specific practice tests such as Air Traffic Controller, Electrician, Teacher, Firefighter, and more. Of interest to many people in these hard times are the resources for job seekers such as writing résumés and interviewing. If you need to increase your value in the workplace, try improving your computer skills with the many interactive tutorials for Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and others.

To access the LearningExpress resources, as well as other premium e-resources, go to databases.webrary.org. You can also come in or contact a Reference Librarian with any questions about our online resources by phone at 847-929-5101, or online via e-mail: info@webrary.org or IM: askmgpl.

Laura Murff
Serials Librarian

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Thurs., Nov. 26: Thanksgiving
Thurs., Dec. 24 and Fri., Dec. 25: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Thurs., Dec. 31 closing at 5 pm for New Year's Eve
Fri., Jan. 1: New Year's Day
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